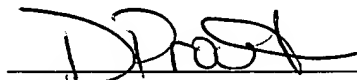


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Applicant : Tadayuki Ishida, et al. Confirmation No. 7882
Application No. : 09/724,200
Filed : November 27, 2000
Title : TOUCH CONTROL APPARATUS AND TOUCH CONTROL METHOD
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Examiner : Abbas I Abdulsalam
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REQUEST FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.705(b)

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Commissioner:

While reviewing the Patent Term Adjustment of 147 days indicated on the Notice of Allowance mailed November 1, 2004, in reference to the Patent Term Adjustment History from the USPTO web site, applicant has determined that an additional applicant's delay of 31 days has not been included in the patent term adjustment calculation. Specifically, an amendment and RCE in response to the final Office Action mailed March 22, 2004 was received by the Patent Office on July 23, 2004, which should have resulted in an additional 31 day reduction to the patent term adjustment based on 37 CFR § 1.704. Applicant believes, however, that no such reduction was indicated or accounted for in the Patent Term Adjustment calculation by the USPTO.

Therefore, applicant requests that the Patent Term Adjustment be reduced from 147 days to the correct term adjustment of 116 days to account for the additional 31 day reduction.

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No fee is included as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.18(e) in view of the fact that i) applicant is not seeking any patent term extension for applicant's benefit, and ii) this request for adjustment is necessitated by a PTO error.

Any delay in issuance necessitated by the correction in term adjustment should be added to the term adjustment due by Patent Office error.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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